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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1916.

TWO CENTS.

## STUDENT TROOPS ARE DISCHARGED

All Members of Company C  
Mustered Out of the  
Federal Service

## BOYS FROM BORDER MAY ARRIVE MONDAY

Although Probability is That They Will  
Not Reach Ft. Ethan Allen Before  
Tuesday Morning — Planning Wel-  
come for Regiment.

BURLINGTON, Sept. 23.—The 71 students, former members of C company and of the attached sanitary troops of the Vermont National guard, who arrived Wednesday morning at Fort Ethan Allen from Eagle Pass, Tex., were discharged yesterday afternoon from the federal service, most of them leaving immediately for their homes. It was originally planned to discharge the boys at 9 o'clock in the morning but it was 3 in the afternoon before the final papers were signed and the men received their pay.

The guardsmen received their federal pay of \$15 a month for August and 21 days of September and most of them received several dollars additional, the unexpended portion of their clothing allowance, which is 31 cents a day. The student guardsmen have not yet received any of the state pay which the special session of the legislature voted them. Whether or not the state must furnish them transportation from Fort Ethan Allen to their homes is also a mooted question. Transportation from their home station to the mobilization camp was furnished the companies, which were not then in the federal service.

The balance of the Vermont troops who have been at the border left Eagle Pass Wednesday and were expected to arrive at Fort Ethan Allen on Sunday, but it is not now thought that they will be here before Monday night or Tuesday morning, as the trip can hardly be made under five days.

The plans of the Militia Relief association to extend a banquet to M and C companies and to provide an adequate welcome to the entire regiment have not yet assumed definite shape, although the members of the committee having the matter in charge are hard at work.

Nearly all of the guardsmen who were discharged yesterday will return on Wednesday to resume their studies at the University of Vermont.

### First Baptist Church

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.



### Sunday Services.

10.30 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon subject, "Rising Friends."  
11.45 a. m.—Bible school. Classes for all ages.  
7.00 p. m.—Meeting of chorus choir.  
7.15 p. m.—Organ recital by Mr. F. M. Cram.  
7.30 p. m.—Evening worship. Sermon subject, "The Friendship of David and Jonathan." Dugan's orchestra, chorus choir, Alexander hymns. Welcome to all.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7.30 — Regular meeting of Wauvater lodge.  
Tuesday evening at 7.30 — Regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge. After the meeting there will be a short program in observance of the anniversary of the order. Refreshments.

## THIS IS Touring Time

Ease Your Trip by Stopping  
to Eat at

## The Newfane Inn

E. A. Whitcomb, Prop.

## TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

Apparently the Franco-British forces on the Somme are preparing to close their grip on Comblès, the important town six miles northwest of Peronne, which has been virtually surrounded by the allies in their recent operations. Last night the French war office reported the capture of a small fortified position and some french sections north of Comblès and today it announced that French patrols have penetrated still nearer the edge of the town. On the French front south of the town the artillery is active.

The Greek situation continues complex. A belated Athens dispatch reports that definite proposals have been made to the entente, acceptance of which will insure the entry of Greece into the war. Former Premier Venizelos, strong partisan of the entente, is quoted as saying that if the government does not act the nation must do so. The revolutionary fever is reported spreading, but a mutiny on one of the ships of the Greek navy is declared to have been quelled.

## GREECE HAS WIRED

### PROPOSALS TO ALLIES

May Mean Her Entrance into War —  
Other News From Various War  
Fronts in Europe.

ATHENS, Sept. 23.—The Greek government is said on the best authority to have telegraphed definite proposals to the entente capitals which it accepted will mean Greece's advent into the war. In the uncertainty of the relations between Greece and the entente it is regarded as not improbable that Greece may declare war on Bulgaria on her own account.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—Flying nearly 100 miles across the German border, a French aviator last night bombarded the important works at Ludwigshafen on the Rhine and at Mannheim across the river. The official report of today says that the bombardment caused a large fire and several explosions at Mannheim.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—British naval aviators have successfully bombarded German aeroplanes at several points in Belgium, the admiralty announced today.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—French patrols approached near the German lines on the Somme front last night. The official statement issued here this afternoon says they found a great many dead Germans on the field and took a few prisoners. South of the Somme there was active artillery fighting. French aviators engaged in 56 aerial fights yesterday. Four German aeroplanes were shot down.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—German trenches on a front of about a half mile east of Courcellette in the Somme region were captured by the British last night, the war office announced today.

## S. WILCOX STORE

### TO BE GIVEN UP

Such Part of Stock as Is Not Sold to  
Be Moved to Greenfield—Mr. and  
Mrs. Wilcox to Leave.

Walter S. Carson and John A. Casey, real estate agents in Greenfield, Mass., have sold Miss Hattie Frizzell's farm in Bernardston, Mass., to Mr. and Mrs. Servetus Wilcox of Brattleboro, who will go there to live. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox are now at their cottage at Sunset lake.

Mr. Wilcox, who has not been in robust health, plans to give up his 5 and 10 cent store on Main street, known as the New York bargain store, in a few weeks, and such of the stock as is not sold will be moved to the store of his son, Ezra Wilcox, in Greenfield, where similar lines are handled.

The store here has been in A. E. Thurber's charge since Mr. Wilcox sustained a partial shock of paralysis.

## Centre Congregational Church

Rev. Richard H. Clapp, Pastor.



### Sunday, September 24.

10.30 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "What Is Your Life?" James 4:14.  
11.45 a. m.—Sunday school.  
1.00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meeting in the chapel. Miss Susan Graffman, Miss Gladys Holden and Miss Dorothy Schwenk will give a report of the foreign missionary meeting in Northfield which they attended.

## Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free.

Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

## CONFESSION OF COSTELLO'S SLAYER

Francis Ketchum of Ben-  
nington Says Three Bul-  
lets Hit Victim

## PAIR HAD FOUGHT ABOUT "A DRINK"

Self-Confessed Slayer Now in Jail at  
Salem, N. Y., on Charge of Stealing a  
Buggy—May Be Turned Over to Ver-  
mont Officers.

BENNINGTON, Sept. 23.—Francis Ketchum of this town, 21 years old, is the slayer of William Costello, according to his own confession, made yesterday at the jail at Salem, N. Y., where he is serving a sentence of 90 days for stealing a buggy. Costello was shot to death near the Vermont Soldiers' home in this town last Saturday night, four men having since been arrested on suspicion.

In his confession, made at the jail in Salem before State's Attorney Frank C. Archibald of Manchester and a stenographer, Ketchum stated that on the night of the murder he had been making the rounds of the saloons in this town. He met Costello, whom he knew, and Costello asked him for a drink from a half pint bottle of liquor, which he carried in his pocket. Ketchum refused and Costello called him a vile name.

Ketchum states that he invited the offender to the outskirts of the town to "fight it out." The two men went to a point near the Soldiers' home and in the first light which followed Ketchum was worsted. He then drew a revolver from his pocket, according to his confession, and shot five times at Costello, three of the bullets hitting him in the back of the head.

Leaving the "sundered man" where he fell near the trolley track, Ketchum says he returned to the village streets where he met Raymond Ewell, who lives in the East Road district, where Ketchum was employed.

The two men started for home shortly afterward in Ewell's automobile. Ewell, owner of the rig stopped at a neighbor's house for a few minutes, leaving Ketchum in the wagon, the latter drove off with the team.

The self-accused man states that he drove to Salem, where he traded the stolen wagon for a better one and this act resulted in his arrest. The Salem officers learned that the wagon he traded had been stolen and the man was placed under arrest Tuesday, later being given a 90 days sentence.

The Bennington county authorities learned Wednesday of his arrest and later when they heard that Ketchum carried a revolver when arrested their suspicions were aroused. An investigation was started, although they had no evidence which would point to Ketchum as the murderer.

Yesterday morning Corporation Attorney E. C. Bennett, Deputy Sheriff John Nash and Officer Richard Hurley went to Salem by automobile and obtained a confession. They immediately telephoned State's Attorney Archibald, who went to Salem in the afternoon with a stenographer, Ketchum repeating the story he told in the morning to the Bennington officers.

It has not been decided as yet whether the man will be surrendered to the Vermont authorities before he has completed his New York state sentence.

The body of William Costello, 35 years old, was found about 10.30 o'clock last Saturday night lying beside the trolley track near the Soldiers' home, the crew of a passing car attempting to awaken the man, whom they supposed was drunk. There were three bullet wounds in the back of his head, only one of the bullets having penetrated the skull. Three Italians, who answered the descriptions of men seen near the spot after the murder, were arrested this week on suspicion.

Frank Bogie of Dover, who on returning home from Bennington, had told his father that he had shot a man, was arrested Wednesday. Bogie had a bad record, having served a sentence in the state prison for shooting his brother. He retracted his story, however, when placed under arrest, stating that he was drunk while in Bennington and could not remember what had taken place.

Ketchum was recently paroled from the house of correction in Rutland, where he served a sentence for horse stealing.

## AWAIT NEWS FROM CARRANZA.

Meanwhile U. S. Officials Place Reliance on Gen. Bell's Reports.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Secretaries Lansing and Baker today discussed various phases of Mexican affairs, including the renewed activity of Villa, while awaiting the official version of the Carranza government. Officials said the report of Gen. Bell was the most reliable yet received.

"I believe Villa is alive," said Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff. "We have had numerous reports of circumstances corroborating such belief." He said he would not ask Gen. Bell the source of his information regarding the fighting and that he had no reason to believe that it was not reliable.

Three men require six months to make a cashmere shawl, which is worked from ten goats' fleeces.

## GENERAL STRIKE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Organized Labor in New  
York to Call Out  
750,000 Workers

## ARE IN SYMPATHY WITH TRACTION MEN

Such Action, if Successful, Would Force  
Suspension of Newspapers, Shipping  
and All Activities in Building Trade  
—Mayor's Attitude.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Representatives of organized labor, who have made common cause with the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employees in its fight with the traction companies, voted yesterday a general suspension of work by every union wage earner in New York and vicinity, effective on Wednesday morning next.

This was their answer to the written appeal of Mayor Mitchell and Chairman Straus of the public service commission that "sober second thought" might hold them in check. So far as is known, no such action was ever heretofore taken by trades unions in this country, nor was a strike involving so many trades ever called. If successful, the strike will call for a maximum of 750,000 men and women.

Many persons, among them Mayor Mitchell and other city officials, expressed doubt today as to the ability of the leaders to carry out this ambitious undertaking, but this, at least, is their intention as expressed by them after adopting the vote for a general suspension of work.

They admitted that every union in the city would have to take another vote on the proposal before Wednesday morning, but they insisted that this was a matter of routine that could not change the result of yesterday's action.

The vote yesterday of the leaders was adopted in keeping with a pledge that had been made in the Amalgamated Association more than a week ago, that organized labor in this city, under the leadership of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, would "fight to a finish" the master-and-servant contracts signed by the Interborough Rapid Transit company and the New York Railways company and their non-union service employees.

The Central Federated Union, representing 125,000 workers, voted last night for a general strike on Wednesday.

It was predicated on the contention that the action of the traction officials in employing strikebreakers, and of the mayor in manning cars with policemen, had deprived organized labor of its legitimate means of transportation, and that loyal unionists, their contracts with their employers notwithstanding, could not be expected to travel with nonunion crews in going to and from their places of employment.

Organized workers, their leaders explained, would therefore stay at home until such time as the authorities of the city, and the officials of the traction companies, consented to restore conditions which would make it possible for such workers to ride in the streets without offense to their union allegiance.

It had been announced, when the possibility of a general strike, or a suspension of work, as the leaders insisted on calling it, was first suggested, that only such workers were employed in industries allied to the transportation companies as the city would be affected, but the union officials decided, after a debate lasting all yesterday afternoon, to go much further than that.

Their intention now is, unless the traction companies surrender in the meantime, to involve every local organization which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor or any other union of craftsmen in this city.

This means that they will attempt to force a suspension of the publication of newspapers, of shipping, of all of the activities of the building trades, and of all the other functions over which they have any authority.

## LOST IN WOODS

### AT DIXVILLE NOTCH

Boston Attorney and Wife Objects of  
Search Since Wednesday —  
Fears for Safety.

DIXVILLE NOTCH, N. H., Sept. 23.—Joseph A. Denison of Boston, former assistant district attorney of Suffolk county, and his wife, who have been missing since Wednesday when they started on a walk through the woods here, were the objects of a continued search by the local authorities.

The hunt had been prosecuted during the night by men with torches. The attorney and his wife had been here for 10 days and both were apparently in the best of health but those familiar with the woods, which are deep and afford little aid to human subsistence, expressed fears for their safety.

The searchers were expected to be joined today by Daniel H. Conkley of Boston, law partner of Mr. Denison and a brother of Mrs. Denison.

There are 2,603,766 persons of German birth in the United States.

## BROWN LOSES TO POWER COMPANY

Jury Finds Road Was Used  
by Defendant Only  
One Week

## COSTS ALSO TAXED AGAINST BROWN

Exceptions to Supreme Court Taken by  
Plaintiff—Court Takes Recess to Mon-  
day as Settlement Was Reached in  
Case Next on Docket.

Judge Leighton P. Slack, presiding at the September term of the Windham county court, ruled yesterday afternoon that the contract between Wilson I. Brown and the Connecticut River Power Co., concerning the use of a certain road, was in force for only the time the company used the road. This left to the jury the question of determining the exact length of time the company used the road, and after hearing out 20 minutes they found that the road was used for one week. Inasmuch as the Power Co. had tendered Mr. Brown the full amount due for one week's use of the road, \$15, this threw the costs upon Mr. Brown, and they are considerably more than the amount to be recovered as a result of the verdict. The case will be taken to the supreme court by H. G. & P. E. Barber, counsel for the plaintiff, on exceptions from Judge Slack's ruling. C. C. Fitts appeared for the defendant company.

The jury in the case was composed of R. R. Thomas of Oxford, foreman, Henry Stockwell of Brattleboro, Luke H. Weatherhead of Brattleboro, Frank Leonard of Dummerston, Samuel T. Leonard of Grafton, R. J. Phillips of Halifax, W. A. Newell of Jamaica, R. E. Morse of Newfane, George L. Hapgood and David Savage of Rockingham, Harry Howard of Townshend and Frank G. Smith of Wilmington.

This case has aroused special interest because of the wording of the contract and its acceptance by the plaintiff. The plaintiff sought to recover \$452.50, alleged to be due for 23 weeks' use of a private road over his property at the rate of \$15 a week.

In July, 1915, the company was engaged in hauling materials to repair a dike on the property of the Brattleboro Retreat. To shorten the haul permission was obtained by the company to haul the materials over the private road through the property of Mr. Brown and an agreement was signed by Attorney Harold E. Whitney of the power company to pay the plaintiff for the use of the road at the rate of \$15 a week.

The letter embodying the agreement was shown to Mr. Brown and he wrote on the bottom of it: "Accepted by Wilson I. Brown for the year 1915."

The company ceased to use the road after one week and tendered payment of \$15, which was declined and claim was made for payment for the remainder of the year 23 weeks.

The company last December sought to have Mr. Brown restrained from bringing an action at law, but the petition for an order of restraint was dismissed by Judge Frank L. Fish without prejudice. The company claimed that "the construction which he (Mr. Brown) seeks to put upon the agreement is false, unjust, inequitable, exorbitant and fraudulent."

The case of Henry R. Brown of Brattleboro against J. M. Ballou, which was to have been heard at the close of the Power Co. case was reported as settled.

As no other case was ready for trial yesterday afternoon Judge Slack ordered a recess until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the case of Richard H. Lumber Co. v. suit brought to recover for money alleged to be due for labor, will be heard. About \$400 is involved. H. G. & P. E. Barber are attorneys for the plaintiff and E. C. Archibald of Manchester for the defendant company.

## MISS DAVIS SCHOOL

### NURSE SUPERVISOR

To Give Talks in This Part of State on  
Personal Hygiene Under Direction  
of Supt. Hillegas.

Miss Anna L. Davis of the Mutual Aid association, supervisor of school nurses in this section of the state, was in town this morning. Full time school nurses have been established in positions in Springfield, Bellows Falls and Brattleboro and their work will be linked together until the children of the rural schools in this section of the state all come under the supervision of nurses.

Miss Davis is doing the work of supervising under the direction of Milo B. Hillegas, state superintendent of education. She will give talks on personal hygiene to teacher training classes in different sections of the state.

Ontario's area is 407,262 square miles.

## REV. R. H. CLAPP TO BE INSTALLED

Program Next Thursday Evening in  
Centre Congregational Church—  
Ministers' Meeting Same Day.

Thursday of next week, Sept. 28, will be a day of special interest and importance at the Centre Congregational church, as it will be the occasion of the installation of the new pastor, Rev. Richard H. Clapp, besides the first meeting for the season of the Windham Union of Congregational Ministers.

The ministers' meeting will be held in the chapel in the forenoon and dinner will be served in the parlor.

In the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock an ecclesiastical council will meet to make the necessary examinations and if the result be favorable to proceed with the installation in the evening.

Each of the following Congregational churches is asked to send pastor and delegate to the council: Bellows Falls, West Brattleboro, Brattleboro Swedish, Cambridgeport, West Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Jamaica, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Saxtons River, Townshend, West Townshend, Warrenton, Westminster, Westminster West, Wilmington.

The installation, to which the public is invited, will take place in the church at 7.30 o'clock. Following is the program:

Organ Prelude.  
Anthem, Festival Te Deum. Buck Scripture lesson, Rev. A. O. Peterson of Brattleboro.  
Prayer, Rev. A. V. Woodworth of West Brattleboro.  
Hymn 256.

Sermon, Professor John Winthrop Platt, D. D., of Andover Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass.  
Hymn 1004.

Invocation, prayer, Rev. Arthur P. Pratt, D. D., of Greenfield, Mass.

Charge to the pastor, Rev. Howard A. Lincoln of Rochester, Vt.

Charge to the church, Rev. Roy M. Houghton of New Haven, Conn.

Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Charles F. Chapin of Saxtons River, Vt.

Hymn 14.  
Benediction.  
Organ postlude.

## E. M. ADDIS GOING TO CONNECTICUT

Resigns as Manager of Twin State Gas  
& Electric Co. to Be Manager of  
Wallingford Gas Co.

E. M. Addis, for the last seven years manager of the Brattleboro plant of the Twin State Gas and Electric Co., has tendered his resignation, effective Oct. 15. The resignation has been accepted, but no successor to Mr. Addis has been named.

Mr. Addis will begin Nov. 1 new duties as manager of the Wallingford (Conn.) Gas Co., at an advance in salary. Wallingford is the home town of Mrs. Addis, and the removal to that town will be especially pleasing to the family. Mr. Addis is a native of Middletown, Conn., and is very familiar with the conditions of business he will encounter in his new position. He will enjoy a two-weeks' vacation after leaving his present position before taking up his new duties.

Mr. Addis came to Brattleboro in May, 1909, as the successor of Frank P. Woy. At that time he had been in the electrical business 18 years and came here from Long Island City, N. Y., where he had been assistant general superintendent of distribution for the New York & Queens Electric Light and Power Co.

## TROOPS Routed BY WAY OF RUTLAND

Latest Information Indicates They Will  
Not Pass Through Brattleboro—  
Spaulding to Report.

Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding, who resigned his office with the Vermont regiment at Eagle Pass, Texas, recently and returned home, but whose resignation was not accepted, was asked today by Capt. E. W. Gibson of Company I, who is with the recruits at Fort Ethan Allen, to come to the fort. He will report there tomorrow to be mustered out with the rest of the troops.

Lieut. Spaulding understands that part of the Vermont National Guard left Eagle Pass Wednesday night and in the latter, it is stated that two cases of measles broke out in the Tennessee regiment, which went to Eagle Pass in the cars in which the Vermonters are returning, and that the necessity of fumigating the cars caused a delay in the departure of a part of the Vermont regiment.

Friends in Rutland of members of the Rutland company have been informed that the troop trains will pass through that city on their way to Fort Ethan Allen, which indicates that they will not pass through Brattleboro.

## EPIDEMIC DECLINING.

Marked Decrease in Paralysis Cases in  
New York the Past Week.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—There were 26 new cases of infantile paralysis, six more than yesterday and seven deaths, a drop of four, according to the department of health report. The decline in the epidemic during the week was marked, 160 new cases and 58 deaths, as compared with 254 cases and 84 deaths last week.

## FRANK L. WORTHY DEAD.

Owner of Hotel in Springfield and Well  
Known Paper Manufacturer.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 23.—Frank L. Worthy, owner of the hotel Worthy in Springfield, Mass., and a paper manufacturer, died here today.

## STEAMER ASHORE NEAR PORTLAND

Bay State, From Boston, Hit  
Rock off Cape Elizabeth  
This Morning

## PASSENGERS RESCUED BY COAST GUARDS

Accident Thought to be Due to the Fact  
that Lightship Had Been Moved —  
Vessel in Dangerous Position and May  
be Lost.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 23.—The Eastern Steamship Corporation passenger steamer Bay State, bound from Boston for Portland, went ashore on Hallowell rock just off the tip of Cape Elizabeth during a heavy fog early today. The 150 passengers were taken off in life boats and dories and the steamer lies high and dry in a dangerous position.

The coast guard cutter Ossipee and the tug Portland, notified by wireless, hastened from Portland to the assistance of the Bay State, but as the steamer was pounding heavily it was thought advisable to have the passengers removed by the crew of the Cape Elizabeth coast guard station.

The point where the vessel struck is a half mile southwest of the Two Lights. A few hours after grounding the steamer commenced blowing out her boilers and it appeared probable that her bottom had been punctured and that water had reached her fire room. It was feared she could not be saved.

The Bay State was sighted approaching the rocks by one of the "toast" guard crew at 3.30 o'clock. He burned a Coaston light but the warning, if it was seen, came too late. It was thought the absence of the Cape Elizabeth lightship from her station five miles off shore might have caused the steamer to run off her course. The lightship was towed to Portland for repairs three days ago and replaced by a buoy. All shipping was notified but it was believed that in the thick weather the buoy might not have been distinguishable.

As the steamer struck only 300 feet from shore and there was little wind the coast guard had no difficulty in taking off the passengers, 25 of whom were brought ashore. The others were put aboard the Ossipee and the Portland and taken to Portland.

The Bay State left Boston last night on her regular trip to Portland. The steamer has been in this service many years, having been built at Bath in 1895.

## THE WEATHER.

Showers Followed by Clearing and  
Lower Temperature.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The weather forecast: Probably showers tonight and Sunday followed by clearing and cooler Sunday. Fresh south, shifting to west winds.

## Fearful Extravagance!

(Montpelier Argus.)  
It cost the Democratic candidate at Brattleboro, for representative two cents to secure the nomination at the primaries. This is widely extravagant. Here is Congressman Frank Greene for instance. He got a renomination for nothing.

About 15,000 tons of paper and paper board are manufactured every day in the United States.

## BUY THAT New Hat

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Stiff Hats \$2.00

Lamson & Hubbard Soft  
and Stiff Hats \$3.00

## Everything New



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